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Spring 2004 Newsletter

New dean hired

The College of Urban and Public Affairs is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Larry Wallack as its new dean. Wallack, director of the School of Community Health, will replace Nohad A. Toulan, founding dean of the college. Wallack, who came to PSU in 1999, will begin his new post July 1.

"Dr. Wallack brings broad-based experience, energy, and creativity to this position. These qualities will enable him and the faculty to build upon the strong legacy of retiring dean Nohad Toulan as they take the college to the next level of distinction," said PSU Provost Mary Kay Tetreault.

Wallack was on the faculty at University of California at Berkeley for 17 years before joining PSU. He was founding director of the Berkeley Media Studies Group and is a founding senior fellow of The Rockridge Institute.

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Mentoring women political leaders

A unique program to recruit, train, and mentor future women political leaders has found a home at the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government. NEW (National Education for Women's) Leadership Oregon, directed by Melody Rose, associate professor of political science, will host 30 to 35 college women from Oregon on campus in June.

The only woman to serve as governor of Oregon, Barbara Roberts, chairs NEW Leadership Oregon's advisory board. "NEW Leadership is a tremendous program, with a proven national track record of building women leaders," said Roberts.

NEW Leadership Oregon is an affiliate of a nationally recognized program at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The program is designed to educate, empower, and encourage college women to become politically active and take on leadership roles on their campuses and in their communities. In addition to Oregon, the program has extended to schools in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Washington.

NEW Leadership Oregon's six-day summer training program will introduce college women to public leadership. They will be taught and mentored by many past and current women office holders.

"This program is unique because it demystifies the political realm and its occupants, and gives women the hands-on training necessary to lead," said Rose. "Women are under-represented in state and national government; we look forward to creating leaders excited about adding their voice to the process."

The program's advisory board includes women leaders who are Republican, Democrats,



Professor Melody Rose (*left*), seen here with several capstone students, will direct the National Education for Women's Leadership Oregon program in June.

independents, leaders of businesses and non-profits, and legislators and government staffers.

"Oregon has been a national leader, in terms of women's electoral representation," said Sasha Patterson, Rutgers NEW Leadership Program coordinator. "For the past five years Oregon has led the country as one of 10 states with the highest percentage of women state legislators. Portland State has a wonderful resource of women leaders to serve as mentors and role models to the students in NEW Leadership Oregon."

NEW Leadership Oregon plans to develop women leaders, create collaborative partnerships with political women, encourage women's participation in politics, and inspire women to take responsibility for political change.

"They will learn," said Rose, "from women who have shown that leadership is not gender-biased."

Program students will stay on campus during the session. For information on this program see the Web site <http://www.newsleader-shiporegon.org>.

Letter from the Dean

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As most of you know this is my last letter as dean of this great college. In a few weeks I shall be retiring to spend more time with my wife and the activities we both enjoy. Also, in a few weeks it will be 32 years since my wife, Dirce, our

two small children, Mariam and Omar, and I left New York City and headed west. In many ways it was a journey into the unknown. Columbia University is now a distant memory, but at that time, the decision to move to Portland State University was not an easy one. It has been a decision, however, that we never regretted.

It all began at Harder House in the summer of 1972, with three full-time faculty members, four offices, a secretary, and 25 outstanding but demoralized Ph.D. students. It was a far cry from today's more than 150 full-time academic and support staff and close to 2,000 students.

From Harder House we moved to Francis Manor and East Hall; the latter became known as the UPA Building. Our move to Francis Manor at the end of summer in 1972 was watershed for all of us, but especially our students. They finally got a place to call home. Graduate assistants had their offices in the basement close to a small library and our faculty was brought together under one roof.

During the years in Francis Manor we consolidated the graduate and undergraduate programs in urban studies, built our capabilities in criminal justice, and saved the endangered black studies program. We also overcame the state system's maneuvers to derail our efforts to establish an urban planning program.

After four years of hard work we finally became the University's fourth professional division and the School of Urban Affairs was born. And years after that, the young and vibrant public administration program joined an equally young and vibrant urban studies and planning program to form the graduate

backbone of what, in 1982, became the School of Urban and Public Affairs. Our research activities in gerontology and urban studies were supported by the addition of the Center for Population Research and Census.

While in the UPA Building we welcomed new colleagues in community health, formed the vision that led to the merger between Lewis & Clark College's master of public administration program and our own, and established the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government.

Today—housed in the new Urban Center—we are recognized and respected in our community and enjoy a national and international reputation. Our Urban Pioneer Award has become one of the major honors bestowed on individuals in Oregon. Our annual external research funding is in excess of \$5 million, and the demand for our graduate programs is in significant excess of our capacity. Our global outreach has led to major agreements in Latin America, East and Southeast Asia, and the Middle East.

As I leave, I must be forgiven for looking to the past. In doing so, I am, in reality, paying tribute to the numerous individuals who made our success possible. I would need to double this space to mention them by name, but I hope they know how grateful I am. As for you all, there is only one way to look—forward. It is my hope that you will extend to your new dean, Larry Wallack, the same level of support and friendship you gave to me.

This is not a farewell. I shall remain minimally affiliated with the University for two or three years to continue my 15-year effort on behalf of the redevelopment of the University District. Nevertheless, it is a goodbye of sorts, so I must take this opportunity to extend Dirce's and my best regards and greetings to all of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark O. Hatfield".

Lifelong learning is goal for center

Life-long learning is the goal at the Senior Adult Learning Center. Just ask Harold Prickett or Marina Stites, two senior adults and college students on PSU's campus. Through the Senior Adult Learning Center (SALC) any Oregon resident 65 or older can audit PSU classes at no charge. Tuition is waived by SALC, but participants may incur small materials fees.

SALC program director Arezu Movahed estimates over 2,000 people have enrolled in more than 12,000 courses since the early '90s. Each term more than 200 people sign up to take classes through the program. SALC has opened up the worlds of many seniors by providing vital opportunities for intellectual enrichment and community fellowship through welcoming older students within the college environment.

Founded in 1973 through a mandate by the state of Oregon, the Senior Adult Learning Center resides within the Institute on Aging at the School of Community Health. Whether first time or returning students, SALC provides a network and support system for older adults interested in taking classes and being part of a campus community.

"Life is difficult now because I live alone," said Prickett. "I have gone to senior centers and convalescent centers but felt that I was only a small part of American life. I needed to understand the background of many current events. I wanted to be around young people".

Prickett, who dropped out of high school in 1937, has taken PSU courses in communication and aging, racism, and black history. As a young man Prickett was shaped by the contentious times of a country struggling with racism. Now at 84, he enjoys expanding his mind and learning more about the roots and history of racial conflict. He was fascinated by a psychology course on the workings of the brain. "I'm thinking more now and in different ways."

Stites, at 73, is a dedicated student elated by the knowledge and experience she has

gained from several years of courses taken at PSU. Her dabbling in subjects such as drama, art history, Greek mythology, and geology have broadened her world view and reinvigorated her life after the loss of her husband and her relocation to the Portland area. She especially loved a course on the myths of aging taught by Elizabeth Kutza, community health professor.



Marina Stites and Harold Prickett, fellow PSU students and seniors, have benefited from the Senior Adult Learning Center.

"The opportunity to take classes at no cost has been the biggest blessing. If I didn't have these courses, I think I would be lost in a more mundane world," Stites said. "Being with young people stimulates your imagination, your mind, your thinking, and your growth."

She says taking the courses keeps her younger and interested in the world. But others benefit as well. A diversity of ages in the classroom compliments the learning experience for all students and professors, allowing for a greater exchange of ideas and experiences. Programs such as SALC ultimately provide all students with a deeper and more enriched sense of community.

For more information contact SALC at 503-725-4739.

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Café aims to feed the mind, body

PSU to host planning conference

Portland State will host the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference October 21-24. More than 800 urban planning faculty and students are expected to attend.

The School of Urban Studies and Planning, as host of the conference, will showcase Portland and Oregon—both well known for a wide range of planning innovations at all levels of government.

Portland is a particularly appropriate setting in which to focus on the conference theme: “Planning Matters! People, Places and Institutions.” The School of Urban Studies and Planning will also launch a faculty-authored book on Portland’s unique position as a mecca for good urban planning titled *The Portland Edge: Challenges and Successes in Growing Communities*.

To purchase the book go to the Web site www.islandpress.org. For information on the conference see www.acsp.org/events/conferences.html.

After years of envisioning and planning, the student-run Food For Thought Café opened in 2002 with great anticipation in the basement of the Smith Union. Students in the College of Urban and Public Affairs conceptualized and opened the café based on a belief that “food matters, to the health of communities, individuals, and the planet.”

Janet Hammer and Alex Welsch, urban studies doctoral students, saw the need and opportunity to provide food options on campus that put notions like sustainability into more concrete terms. Menu items are made from local, organic, fair-traded, and sustainably grown ingredients. The vegetarian fare is served for breakfast and lunch under a diverse menu that includes pastries, seasonal salads, and mezza platters. Menu choices are sensitive to student budgets and aim to fully nourish for five dollars. If you order a coffee without a mug, you receive a paper cup imprinted with a friendly “oops I forget my mug” stamp.

Although Food For Thought started slowly, the café has found a niche market and sales climb every term. For students like Kevin Drake, recent graduate of the master of urban and regional planning program (MURP), learning how to operate and run a business provided an incredible learning experience outside the classroom. Students perform all duties of the operation, including budgeting, hiring, food sourcing, market research, and management. Drake said one major lesson he has learned is “to start small and set realistic goals.”

The idea for Food For Thought was hatched in 2000 when students (largely from the School of Community Health and School of Urban Studies and Planning) came together in the interest of promoting sustainable food systems on campus. Through a market survey, a business plan conducted by MURP student April Bertelsen, and the building of relationships between staff and students, Food for Thought received start-up and education funds

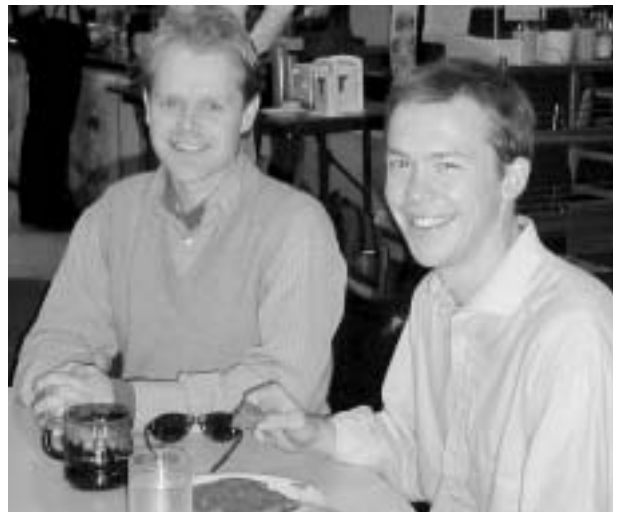
from the PSU Student Fee Committee. The group formed an executive committee, which includes Barry Messer, urban studies and planning professor, and eventually secured a location. Welsch said that Food for Thought “owes its existence to every person who has been involved.”

The café is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and has become a popular lunch and coffee hangout for students and small group meetings. Large circular tables are arranged to encourage strangers to meet and sit together.

“People are meeting who otherwise wouldn’t,” said Welsch. “That goes a long way.”

Food For Thought has become a haven for knitting circles, open mic night gatherings, study groups, and a student group focused on expanding sustainability efforts across campus.

Increasingly the café aims to “tell the story of the food” to its customers. This implies educating people about the source, production, and distribution of the ingredients and the packaging materials. Although this is not a simple task, the visionaries behind Food For Thought believe that fostering informed decision-making is a part of what a sustainable food system means.



Alex Welsch and Kevin Drake (left to right) of Food For Thought Café provides PSU campus with sustainable food options.

Urban Center feature

Hatfield School benefits from Roberts' experience, public service

While Oregon's first woman governor, Barbara Roberts' reputation for effective government and human and civil rights caught Harvard's attention. She was invited to direct the Kennedy School's executive program for state and local government. Yet, as a descendent of Oregon Trail pioneers and a fourth generation Oregonian, her heart remained in Oregon. PSU



Barbara Roberts, Oregon's first woman governor, teaches in the Hatfield School.

benefited enormously when she returned in 1998 and made her new home at the Hatfield School of Government.

Roberts chose PSU's College of Urban and Public Affairs because she believes it has the best blend of academic studies combined with practical applications available

in this state. She points to hands-on and community-based classes and programs as good examples of how PSU applies its motto, "Let knowledge serve the city." In particular, she admires that Dean Nohad Toulan promoted this way of thinking decades before other universities thought to come out of the ivory tower and into their community. She considers this the key strength of the college and what drew her to PSU.

As the associate director of leadership development for the Legacy Program, Roberts mentors local and state government and non-profit leaders in Oregon and Washington. Moving the focus from politics to public service, the Legacy Program trains leaders to transform collective visions into institutional and policy legacies that enrich democratic governance and service to citizens. Organizations sending participants to the Legacy Program include Oregon Commission on Hispanic

Affairs, Umatilla County, PSU Child Welfare Partnership, city of Vancouver, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, city of Estacada, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Central Oregon, Malheur County, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Deschutes County, Union County, city of Wood Village, and the Oregon National Guard.

Participants are treated to a veritable "who's who" of Oregon's leaders such as Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, Mike Burton, Gov. Vic Atiyeh, Fred Miller, Jean Thorne, Bruce Andrews, Fred Hansen, and Betty Roberts.

An excellent model for civic participation and leadership, Roberts has a busy schedule as a member of numerous boards and civic committees and as a highly sought after national speaker on leadership, women in politics, environmental stewardship, and death and grieving. Her first book, *Death Without Denial; Grief Without Apology*, was released in 2002, and she promises more books are in the works. She is a senior fellow for Harvard's Women and Public Policy Program and remains an advocate for environmental management and civil rights. PSU and the college are indeed fortunate that such a committed civil servant has chosen to keep serving her community while enriching the college's programs and the region.

Political scientists came to Portland

The Mark Hatfield School of Government hosted the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) in March. WPSA is the second-largest regional political science asso-



Professor Richard Clucas (third from left) had the help of several students in arranging the Portland WPSA meeting in March.

ciation in the nation. The conference brought 1,000 political scientists to Portland for panel discussions and research presentations on government and politics. WPSA includes the western

United States and the western provinces of Canada. The meeting attracted leading political scientists from across the nation. Topics explored included political theory, voting behavior, and comparative politics. Associate Professor Richard Clucas chaired the local arrangements committee with the help of many student volunteers.

Alumni spotlight

Alumnus nominated as finalist for distinguished national award

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Terry W. Van Allen

Alumnus Terry W. Van Allen was nominated last year as a national finalist for the distinguished annual Service to America Medal. Van Allen earned a Ph.D. in public administration and policy from PSU in 1994.

Van Allen works as an operations specialist for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Houston, acting as a faith-based and community-based liaison. He was selected as a top-three national finalist in social service by the Partnership for Public Service in Washington, D.C. The partnership recognizes extraordinary public service performed by federal employees who have “made America stronger and safer, have furthered the cause of justice, and have bettered the lives of their fellow citizens.”

Working at the Department of Housing and Urban Development since 1998, Van Allen helped start Public Incorporation in Galveston, Texas, a nonprofit school that teaches impoverished children about entrepreneurship. The school provides free instruction designed to generate interest in owning and starting a business, and investing and managing money.

“Most people in low-income communities are never presented with the idea of being an owner,” said Van Allen. “It’s very exciting to see how many students really catch onto the idea of (entrepreneurship). Communities themselves have to put it together, and I’m there to help them get over the edge or make a project work that wouldn’t otherwise,” Van Allen said.

Van Allen also serves as a consultant in the construction of other outreach centers teaching valuable computer and life skills. Nominations appeared in the November 2003 issue of *Atlantic Monthly*, and President George Bush presented awards in October.

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Terry Van Allen MST, MPA '88, PhD '94 was a finalist for the Service to America Medal sponsored by the Partnership for Public Service in Washington, D.C.

key building block for achieving high success,” Van Allen said. “Professors Dan O’Toole, Ron Cease, and Jim Strathman were outstanding mentors on my dissertation committee. Theresa Rapida, Walt Ellis, and Brian Stipak were indispensable and outstanding teachers. Dean Nohad Toulan was always supportive of my efforts to better understand the characteristics of urban communities in comparing national and international development. In sum, PSU has an outstanding doctoral program for high achievers, and I was blessed and fortunate to have been a student there.”

Although he did not receive the final award, we congratulate Van Allen on his much deserved recognition.

Alumni spotlight

Alumna earns reputation for justice

Portland lawyer and PSU alumna Shaun Wardinsky enjoys playing a role in the resolution of difficult issues. She has earned a reputation for bringing justice to victims of domestic violence.

Wardinsky graduated from Portland State in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in administration of justice. She later attended Lewis & Clark law school and began her legal profession in private family law. Wardinsky worked three years for the Legal Aid Services of Oregon before joining the firm Yates, Matthews & Morasch of Portland.



Shaun Wardinsky '92 provides legal services to women victims of domestic and sexual violence.

During the past two years, Wardinsky was hired as an attorney for the Clackamas Women's Services to provide legal services free of charge to victims of domestic and sexual violence through a grant provided by the Oregon Department of Justice. Yates, Matthews & Morasch supported Wardinsky's efforts, allowing her to donate

time and profit potential to represent women who are often stuck in domestic violence situations because of a lack of economic and legal resources.

After the grant expired, Wardinsky and Yates, Matthews & Morasch donated in excess of \$20,000 worth of billing time to wrap up the remaining domestic violence cases. The gesture earned Wardinsky and her firm an award by the Clackamas Women's Services at the annual Harvest of Hope Luncheon last October.

Wardinsky credits time at Portland State as a leveraging point leading to her successful career today. She dropped out of school and left home at 15. After she received a diploma from an alternative school, she immediately

entered the work force but remembers feeling unprepared for life.

"I wanted to learn and give back to the community," Wardinsky said. Thanks to stellar recommendations and the support of a key PSU adviser, Portland State admitted Wardinsky despite her poor academic record.

Once in the administration of justice program, Wardinsky excelled in her classes and began to develop acute critical thinking skills she now relies upon in her profession. In particular, Wardinsky is thankful for working with Professor Annette Jolin on a study of the efficacy of domestic violence reduction programs through a grant provided by the Institute of Justice.

"Professor Jolin stimulated my interest in research and inspired me by demanding a high level of academic performance," Wardinsky said.

The administration of justice program provided Wardinsky with a solid understanding of the criminal justice system and developed her critical research and analysis skills.

Wardinsky now helps women, who are unable to advocate for themselves, receive safety and reprieve from abusive domestic living situations by helping them obtain restraining orders, custody of their children, full use of the house, or divorce proceedings. Although at times she feels limited by the tiny box called the legal system, she said she enjoys "the golden moments when justice prevails."

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Institute advocating for the uninsured

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Larry Wallack

For the past three years Larry Wallack, director of the School of Community Health, has served as a health expert for the prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM).

Wallack serves on the IOM’s Committee on the Consequences of Uninsurance, which in January published its sixth and final report in a series on the public health and policy impacts of Americans living without health insurance.

IOM is a private, nonprofit organization that provides health policy advice under a congressional charter granted to the National Academy of Sciences. IOM convenes committees of nationally recognized experts to study significant issues of national importance in an effort to advise the nation on how to improve the health of its citizens. As an independent, scientific adviser, IOM strives to provide advice that is unbiased, based on evidence, and grounded in science.

The reports Wallack and the Committee on the Consequences of Uninsurance authored include: “Coverage Matters, Insurance and Health Care”; “Care Without Coverage: Too Little, Too Late”; “Health Insurance Is a Family Matter”; “A Shared Destiny: Community Effects of Uninsurance”; and “Hidden Costs, Value Lost: Uninsurance in America.” The final report provides recommendations for addressing the crisis in health care coverage caused by a lack of insurance for at least 41 million people.

The United States is the only industrialized country that does not provide health care for all its citizens. Nationally, 80 percent of the uninsured live in working families without access to coverage, said Wallack, and cannot afford it when offered, or lose coverage after a divorce or the loss of a spouse.



Larry Wallack is the new dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs starting in July.

In Oregon alone, more than 500,000 people lack health insurance, a number expected to climb due to forecasted cuts to the Oregon Health Plan. Increasingly, health care institutions are faced with the financial inability to provide uncompensated care.

“Uninsured people are sicker, and when they do get treatment it is too little, too late, and too costly,” said Wallack. People, he continued, should not be put in a position of having to choose between health insurance and other basic necessities.

“Polls increasingly indicate that health insurance concerns are a significant worry even for insured people, who realize they are one pink slip or one increase in premiums away from losing coverage,” said Wallack.

The research conducted by the Committee on the Consequences of the Uninsured and the Institute of Medicine provides compelling reasons why health coverage should be universal and extended to everyone.

Wallack also served on the Committee on Communication for Behavior Change in the 21st Century: Improving the Health of Diverse Populations from 2000-02. The committee authored *Speaking of Health: Assessing Health Communication Strategies for Diverse Populations* published by the National Academies Press in 2002.

“It has been enormously challenging and rewarding to work with such talented and committed people to help change the way that America thinks about advancing the public’s health,” Wallack said.

The National Academies Press publishes the reports, which are available on the IOM Web site at www.iom.edu.

Understanding how urban form impacts community health

A hot topic of late is trying to understand how urban form impacts community health. Sprawl, both in terms of urban development patterns and the expanding American waist-line, seem to be connected.

This topic is at the heart of recent research by Jennifer Dill, assistant professor of urban studies and planning. She is studying how the design of urban areas can promote physical activity for greater community health.

This past year Dill conducted an analysis of street connectivity in the Portland area. Greater street connectivity in urban areas as well as communities incorporating New Urbanist design principles tend to encourage more walking and bicycling by residents and commuters. Currently, residents in the region make 80 to 90 percent of all trips in private vehicles.

“When people travel in cars it does pollute,” said Dill. “In understanding why people make that choice, it becomes possible to make policy that supports the objectives of a region, such as clean air and sustainability, while still providing livable communities.”

Dill received more than \$51,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop measures of street connectivity relating to bicycle and pedestrian behavior.

Portland data was analyzed, with the assistance of Mike Tressider, a first year master of urban and regional planning student, using GIS software at the census tract level.

“What we’re talking about here is accessibility—are our cities laid out to encourage walking and bicycling, or are there barriers?” Dill said.

The research will establish objective criteria for decision makers, researchers, planners, and governments to use as standards for subsequent research on transportation connectivity. Further, this research will provide a connectivity template for urban transportation and land use decision-making processes.

In another research project, Dill and her students surveyed residents of the New Urbanist Fairview Village as well as two



Professor Jennifer Dill and student Mike Tressider research bicycle and pedestrian behavior in Portland.

neighborhoods in Troutdale with suspected similar demographics but with a more typical suburban land use pattern. The survey asked residents why they chose their particular neighborhood and how often they walked or biked to services in their area. The initial assumption was residents in Fairview Village made more walking trips in the community due to its New Urbanist design. Fairview Village has a post office, library, parks, coffee shop, and other services within walking distance.

Dill found that adult residents from Fairview Village averaged 6.5 walking trips from home in a week, while residents in the other neighborhoods averaged only 1.7 trips.

Dill found that many residents in both neighborhoods selected their community based on their own values. Residents in the Troutdale neighborhoods cared about larger yards, good schools, and property taxes. Fairview Village residents, with a larger percentage of elderly and childless residents, wanted services within walking distance. She surmises that Fairview Village is a successful example in enabling its residents to make healthier choices.

Dill’s studies suggest greater street connectivity and New Urbanist design principles can enhance human health through changes in the urban form.

“What we’re talking about here is accessibility. Are our cities laid out to encourage walking and bicycling, or are there barriers? The goal is to reduce travel distances, and to determine what measures best represent that.”

Jennifer Dill

Faculty present, publish, and contribute

Prof wins feminist economics scholarship

Karen Gibson, assistant professor of urban studies and planning, was awarded the Rhonda Williams Scholarship in 2003 by the International Association For Feminist Economics (IAFFE) in gratitude and recognition for her research addressing urban equity issues.

This scholarship encourages more scholars of color to participate in feminist economics and recognizes work in scholarship and activism.

Growing up in the heart of San Francisco and witnessing racial and economic inequalities, impressed upon Gibson a desire to understand and work against the roots and patterns of oppression. This desire galvanized her life's work, research, and interest in promoting economic and social justice for low-income and minority residents in urban areas.

Gibson teaches courses in urban poverty, community and economic development, urban housing and development, and community and identity.



Carl Abbott, Urban Studies and Planning, presented "Information Everywhere: Pacific Destinies in the 21st Century" at the Museum of the American West in Los Angeles.

Robert Bertini, Urban Studies and Planning, received \$60,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation for an "Update and Enhancement of ODOT's Crash Reduction Factors" and co-authored "Using Archived Data to Generate Transit Performance Measures" published in the *Journal of the Transportation Research Board*.

Qian Cai, Center for Population Research and Census, received \$28,800 from the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments for a "Mid-Willamette Valley COG Income Survey."

Richard Clucas, Political Science, authored "Improving the Harvest of State Legislative Research" published in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, and "The Political Legacy of Robert W. Straub" in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*.

John Damis, Political Science, was interviewed Dec. 3 on NPR's "Morning Edition" on Secretary of State Colin Powell's trip to North Africa. Since 9/11, Damis has made more than 160 media and community presentations on various Middle East issues.

Benjamin DeHaan, Criminal Justice, received \$150,000 from Oregon Correction Enterprises for a "Criminal Justice Research and Policy Analysis Program" and presented "Decision Making in Tough Economic Times" and "Policy Options in Criminal Justice" at two National Governors' Assoc. conferences.

Jennifer Dill, Urban Studies and Planning, received a \$28,712 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for "Impacts of a Vehicle Inspection Program on Vehicle Operations and Equity." She authored "Transit Use and Proximity to Rail" in *Transportation Research Record*, and "Estimating Emissions Reductions From Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Programs" in *Transportation Research Part D*.

Barry Edmonston and Richard Lycan, Population Research Center, published the poster "Where Have All the Children Gone" in the *ESRI Map Book*. Edmonston serves on the U.S. Immigration Task Force examining immigration policy and presented "Who Buys? Homeownership Trajectories for Canadian Immigrants" at the University of Western Ontario.

Suzanne Feeney, Institute for Nonprofit Management, presented "A Case Study of Capacity

Building in an Hispanic Nonprofit Organization" at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations in Denver.

Michael Fogarty, Urban Studies and Planning, authored *Cleveland From Startup to the Present: Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries*, and he is part of a three-year, \$5 million research project, "Capitalizing on Science, Technology, and Innovation: Assessment of the Small Business Innovation Research Program."

Sherril Gelmon, Public Administration, received a five-year, \$400,000 grant to lead the evaluation of the Northwest Health Foundation's multi-million dollar investment in the "Nursing Workforce Capacity Initiative."

Kris Henning, Administration of Justice, presented "Why Doesn't HE Just Leave? Relationship Continuity and Satisfaction Among Male Domestic Violence Offenders" and "It Takes Two to Tangle (Or Does It?): A Comparison of Men and Women Dually Arrested for Assaulting an Intimate Partner" at the 8th International Conference on Family Violence.

Deborah Howe, Urban Studies and Planning, presented "The Reality of Portland's Housing Market" at PSU's forum "Children, Schools, and Housing: Where is Portland Headed?"

David Johns, Political Science, authored "The Wildlands Project Outside North America" and "Our Real Challenge: Managing Ourselves Instead of Nature" published in *Science and Stewardship to Protect and Sustain Wilderness Values*.

Annette Jolin, Administration of Justice, received a Fulbright grant to co-lead daylong symposiums on "criminal justice innovation and reform in the United States and Oregon" in Germany.

Peter Lavigne, Public Administration, authored chapters, "Revolutionizing County Forest Management in Minnesota" and "Community Forestry at the Urban Rural Interface," in the book *Forest Communities, Community Forests*.

Richard Lycan, Population Research Center, presented "Anatomy of the Declines," detailing underlying factors related to housing and the Portland economy, at the PSU forum "Children, Schools, and Housing: Where is Portland Headed?"

Thomas Kimpel and Jim Strathman, Center for Urban Studies, co-authored "Automatic Passenger Counter Evaluation: Implications for National Transit Database Reporting" in *Transportation Research Record*.

Faculty news

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Will Macht, Urban Studies and Planning, wrote "Second Opinion - A Local Urban Planning Expert Offers Other Options For Proposed Makeover of Memorial Coliseum" in the *Portland Tribune*, and "is a regular columnist for *Urban Land*."

Douglas Morgan, Public Administration, received \$28,740 from the Tokyo Foundation for "The Municipal Officer's Mid-Career Training Program."

Connie Ozawa, Urban Studies and Planning presented "Management of Urban Riparian Areas" and "Urbanization and Riparian Buffer Loss" at the Water Resources Conference in San Diego.

Gary Perlestein, Administration of Justice, accepted an advisory board position for *Annual Editions: Homeland Security* published by McGraw Hill/Dushkin and is the fact-finder for articles relating to the Earth and Animal Liberation Fronts for *Outside Magazine*.

Melody Rose, Political Science, hosted a symposium on Oregon's Central Voter Registration project on campus for state officials and elections scholars.

Anthony Rufolo, Urban Studies and Planning, presented "Alternatives to the Motor Fuel Tax" at the Council of Logistics Management Conference in Chicago and at Northwestern University.

Karen Seccombe, Public Health, co-authored *Marriage and Families: Relationships in Social Context*.

Irina Sharkova, Population Research Center, presented "Global Processes, Local Challenges: Community Quality of Life in a U.S. Border Region" at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference in Germany.

Craig Shinn and **Masami Nishishiba**, Public Administration, presented "Explicating Factors that Foster Civic Engagement Among Students" at the International Conference on Civic Education Research in New Orleans.

Gerry Sussman, Urban Studies and Planning, co-authored "The Global Reproduction of American Politics" in *Political Communication*, and "Information Technology and Transnational Networks: A World Systems Approach" in *The Globalization of Corporate Media Hegemony*.

Craig Wollner, Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, presented "The Politics of Curriculum Reform in a Post-World War II Urban University" to the Cooperative Education Seminar in Boston. The Port of Portland awarded Wollner, Meg Merrick, and grad student John Provo a \$5,000 Environmental Partnership grant for conducting the panel series "Designing With the Environment: A Portland Way?"

Birol Yesilada, Political Science, provided expert assistance on matters pertaining to Cyprus's future membership in the European Union during the peace process in Cyprus. He will consult with the negotiating parties as they tackle EU related matters.

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